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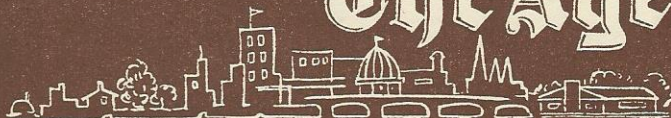


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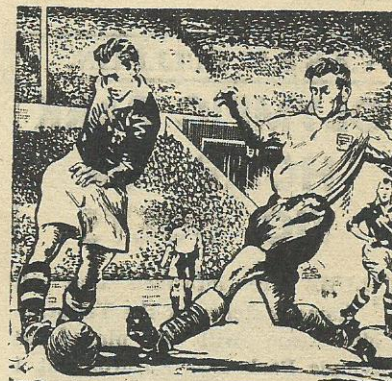


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SCOTLAND TEST FOR HUNGARIANS

MELBOURNE — remember our write up in last week's "Soccer News" — are rarin' to go when the Laidlaw World Cup series start in a few weeks' time. The team have been entered en bloc to represent Hungary, and are drawn to meet Scotland in the second round.

"This is the test," says their coach, Vic. Manson. "We've already stuck our neck out by predicting our boys can wipe the floor with any team in Victoria. Now we shall see. Scotland will be our first real test."

Melbourne, the Metropolitan South club with big ideas, want only one more thing — to play their World Cup match at Olympic Park.

IDEAL GROUND.

"It's the ideal ground for a good soccer-playing side," they say. "Let us use it and we will show you what we mean when we talk of scintillating, slide-rule soccer."

What are the chances of the Hungary-Scotland match being held at Olympic Park?

Said an official: "It's too early yet to make promises, but I see no reason why the match should not be played there."

Says "Soccer News": This match is a "must" for the spacious stream-lined Park. The Hungarian

team have already aroused heaps of interest with their scything League wins. Against tougher opposition, and in conditions suited to their style, they would be a trump draw card.

The Hungarians have complained that the Met. South pitches are too bumpy; that the opposition

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tend to "rough them up" when the goals start to flow. The international committee, then, should accept the challenge so that we can judge the Hungarians for ourselves.

THE WORLD CUP DRAW

The full draw for the opening rounds of the Laidlaw Cup came out of the hat as follows:—

FIRST ROUND:

Austria v. Ukraine.
Malta v. Israel.

SECOND ROUND:

Holland v. England.
Italy v. Austria or Ukraine.
Poland v. Germany.
Australia v. Croatia.
Greece v. Malta or Israel.
Czechoslovakia v. Latvia.
Hungary v. Scotland.
Ireland v. Yugoslavia.

At the end of the month, on the 28th, a Commonwealth eleven will meet the Rest of the World at Olympic Park. The "curtain-raiser" will be between the sides' junior teams.

DIARY NOTE: The international soccer committee's dance this year will be at Prahran Town Hall on May 18.

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN.**OLYMPIC PARK
HOME FOR
VIC. COLTS**

Clubs are informed that all home matches of the Victorian Colts team will be played at Olympic Park each Saturday at 1 p.m. unless otherwise advised. Clubs drawn to play at Olympic Park for First Division matches should, therefore, study the fixture lists carefully.

Mr. D. J. Hamilton, 7 Baxter St., Toorak, has tendered his resignation as secretary of the Sth. Melbourne Utd. club. The new secretary is Mr. W. D. Hamilton, 5 Service St., Sth. Melbourne, S.C.5.



Club secretaries: Please alter pages 9 and 19 of the Annual Year Book, and insert at the foot of page 6 of the Year Book the particulars which will enable clubs to contact the Victoria Soccer Referees' Association:

Hon. secretary: T. J. Dignam,
18 Helm St., Ascendale; Tel., XY 2344.

President: J. Hadfield, 53 O'Shannessy St., Nunawading; Tel., WU 1324.

As the Maddox Road ground is unavailable at present, Williamstown home matches will be played on the J. T. Gray Reserve on Kororoit Creek Road. The ground is situated about one mile from the North Williamstown Railway Station on the Williamstown-Altona bus route.

Mr. Bowman has resigned as secretary of the I.C.I.S.C.. The new secretary is Mr. D. R. Barker, Mt. Derrimut Farm, Station Road, Deer Park.

Stuart Beaton,
V.A.S.F.A. Sec.

EDITORIAL**THE LOUD VOICES!**

PRIDE and passion, prejudice and humility, are popular subjects for philosophers who wish to generalise on human behaviour in the world at large.

They become very delicate subjects, however, when related to particular groups or individuals. Even more delicate when the latter are colleagues or associates.

This preamble leads us to that curious anomaly in the behaviour pattern of people who, possessing only mediocre or less than mediocre qualities of leadership and general ability, and hence usually dwelling on the lower rungs of the ladder of success, are precisely the people who feel that they have nothing to learn from others and are, on the contrary, the loudest denunciators and the most destructive critics of those who have through sheer ability clawed their way slightly higher up the ladder or those who have been elected or appointed to positions of authority.

At all community meetings, large, small or special, these are the people who level the finger of destructive criticism and accusation, and allow their tongues free rein in a manner that provokes nothing but time-wasting dissension.

When they are themselves called upon to perform the smallest of co-operative duties that would assist others in providing something for the community as a whole, their reactions are partly or completely negative.

For instance, why is it that, with several thousands of people in the soccer community hungering for news about all the clubs in all the leagues, and with a few zealous workers trying hard to satisfy the need, a large number of the smaller clubs — the loud voices — find that the filling in once weekly of the simple form provided for the purpose, and its prompt despatch to "Soccer News," is a task that is beyond them?

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ALTER PLEASE!

AS the Year Book cannot be printed until the season's fixtures are finalised and approved, and the latest club information gathered, the book is produced under terrific pressure of time.

As a result, errors are inevitable. As an example, not long before going to press, Maccabi advised that the address of the club's secretary had been changed. The information was received in time to correct this item in the club details on page 21, but was missed on the secretaries' list on page 9.

Another notable omission was that of the name and address of the secretary of the Victorian Referees' Association. We think these things are sufficiently important for us to list here the errors so far detected, and for those in possession of a Year Book to make the necessary amendments in their own copy.

Insertion:

Secretary, Referees' Association:
T. J. DIGNAM, 18 Helm Street,
Aspendale. Phone: XY 2344.

Corrections:

Page 7: The telephone No. of The Delphic is MF 5907, and NOT as printed.
Page 9: The new address of Maccabi's secretary is: M. SALTER, 1a Boondara Cres., E. St. Kilda. Phone: LU 6129.
Page 12: Brighton's coach is now J. Lachmann.
Page 14: Juventus' coach is now A. Szalay.
Page 67: Winner of 1956 Division 3 Reserve League was LIONS; runners-up was COBURG.
Page 99: Manchester City beat Birmingham 3-1, not Sheffield Utd., in last year's Cup Final.

SPECIALISTS SAY VIVOLI IS FIT

MAX VIVOLI, erstwhile star Juventus and Victorian centre-half, made his reappearance last Sunday against Polonia at Olympic Park.

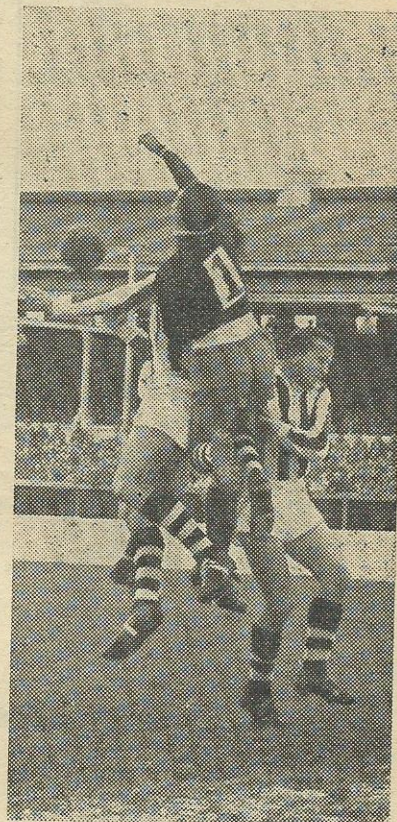
Max was forced to retire from the game last July when he sustained his fourth severe concussion in a terrific "head-on" clash with Gungl of J.U.S.T.

He was pronounced fit to play by specialists last week, and Juventus officials, satisfied at last that Max would not be risking further injury, signed him on again.

The club's defence has not been the same since the loss of Vivoli, who is a dashing pivot at his best.

BOTH INSENSIBLE.

In the picture we recapture the action in which Vivoli and Gungl, hidden by the high-flying Lopo, clashed heads. A moment afterwards both players were insensible on the ground. Gungl suffered a gashed forehead that required six stitches, and Vivoli a severe concussion.



have to struggle a bit at first, even though club optimism is high at the moment.

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NEW-COMERS to the Metropolitan North, C.S.R. — it stands for Colonial Sugar Refinery — may

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SEVERE REPRIMAND FOR GEORGE CROSS CLUB

GEORGE CROSS, who were summoned to appear before the season's first meeting of the League Management Committee to explain alleged irregularities in the games played on March 30, were severely reprimanded.

Chairman Mr. Sam Horrobin announced that if at any future time

the club were arraigned before the League, the committee would recommend that the club be summoned before Council of the Association.

SUSPENSION CUT.

The life suspension imposed on Coburg player S. Galea in September, 1956, was reduced to a suspension of four weeks after a hearing by the Disciplinary Committee last week under the chairmanship of Mr. Fred Lang.

At the same sitting, Miro Roznetinsky of Slavia, who was sent off in last season's Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup Final, was reprimanded.

BOB'S BACK.

Bob Wemyss, one of last year's joint Best and Fairest Medal winners, has transferred back to Polonia from Moreland, and will be seen with his old club again today.

Other transfers approved by the League Management Committee at its last meeting were:

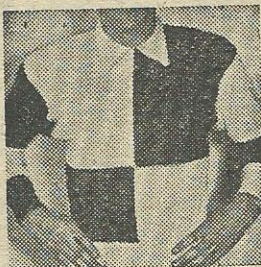
Forgacs to Maccabi, van Egmond to Hakoah, Catania to George Cross, Zgalin to Polonia, Pfeiffer to Richmond, Petersen and Sirach to Brighton, Farrugia to Coburg, and Pilkington to Sunshine City.

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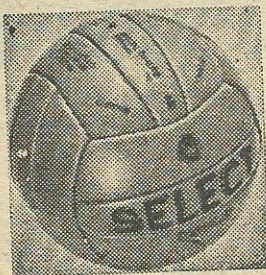
Goalie Wanted!

German coach, Frank Streiberger, has some promising youngsters at Sandringham.

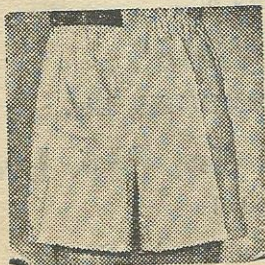
Right flank is made up mostly of recruits, including teenager "Flying Dutchman" John Van Woos — strong, tenacious and fast. At wing-half, Duncan Hyndman, a dynamic Scotsman, has improved considerably recently, and will be a key player this season. Urgent Sandringham need is a goalkeeper. There isn't one among the 12 new-comers they've signed. Anybody interested should ring XU 4307 or XW 5859. No need to worry about settling — the club have nine nationalities already!



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TOO MUCH "SOCK" IN SOCCER?

● LAST Saturday two high-ranking First Division players were sent off midway through the second half of the Hakoah-Wilhelmina game at Middle Park. When the injury bulletin for both sides was issued afterwards, no fewer than eight players were on it. Press reports denounced the game as "a fracas." Others said it resembled a Rugby match.

● Is this what soccer is coming to? Is this what the fans have got to put up with every Saturday? Remember it is not the first time science has been kicked over the stands.

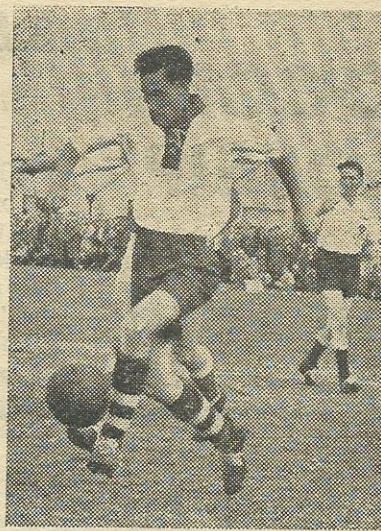
● Honest to goodness endeavour we want, but over-zealousness, childish tantrums and downright dirty play must be stamped out.

● Just to find out what the clubs concerned in the latest flare-up think, we asked them to comment on the growing accusation, "Division 1 is getting too rough." Here are their replies.

● WILHELMINA: Yes, it is too rough as far as we are concerned at this stage. Our side are told, "Go out and play 100 per cent. soccer." But they have been doing it against difficult odds. We are just up from the Second Division, where there's not much difference as far as capability is concerned. But for sure, Division 2 soccer is cleaner. We have six players in our side who have played in the top grade in Holland, but they are being stopped from showing their real ability — often by Rugby-style tactics. If this is the way they are welcoming us into the First Division, we don't know what is becoming of soccer.

● HAKOAH are not as adamant as that, but they agree soccer in Division 1 is tough. The outcome of a match, they say, depends largely on the referee and how he interprets the rules. If he allows from the start high-jumping and dangerous tackling, players are almost certain to take advantage. But if the referee stops it before it can develop, the game is played much fairer.

● In Hakoah's opinion, games have to be played "a bit on the strong side." But not rough stuff. It is up to the referee to con-



BILL BLACKLEY, Hakoah's inside-left, was sent off in the Wilhelmina game last Saturday by referee Woodcock, and therefore blotched his spotless lifetime record of good behaviour on the field. Wilhelmina's SJEL DE BRUYCKERE was also given "marching orders."

trol it. "In our first match we lost 2-4, and there were only two fouls. Last week it was a very rough game. But blame both sides. Referees generally have been very good," Hakoah told us.

● Summing up, "Soccer News" adds: Players have only themselves to blame if they are sent off, for referees give ample warnings before they use strong-arm action. It's our experience that referees leniently turn the blind eye to many petty squabbles and which would lead to marching orders in higher class football.

● Yet our sympathies are with the referee — despite his occasional laxity. Australian soccer is not world class. So don't expect the referees to be. They've got a tough job.

● Clubs can help themselves by tightening up on discipline. Too many can see only one side of any argument — their own — and it is not unknown for some to actually encourage their players to "get in" when they know the opposition is stiff.

● So let us have a little common sense from all sides. Cut out the rough stuff, boys, and get on with the game. And, referees, use your authority. We all know that any nit-wit can referee a match, but it takes more than a nit-wit to control it.

SOCCER GOSSIP

By

Ron Ford

KEEP THAT BALL ON THE GROUND YOU CLUBS!

LET it rain, let it pour — but for heaven's sake let's get that ball on the ground! Looked in at Olympic Park last Sunday to see the Juventus "air battle" with Polonia. Would willingly have given up a seat in the sun if a

shower could have made this more like soccer — like the on-the-carpet move from which Joe Plateo scored Juventus' face-saver two minutes from the end.

The four bob boys who keep this soccer going would have seen more science at a schoolgirls' net-ball practice. Both sides admitted afterwards: "We were poor."

Back in the game again and jumping around with the rest of them, Juventus pivot Max Vivoli was all smiles in the dressing rooms. "I feel fine," he said, "even though I had only four days' training."

Goals and groundwork would have kept the 6000 fans happy. No need for those fists-up flare-ups, either. That's the wrong sort of punch we want to see.

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MOUTHPIECE for the more methodical Melbourne Mets., Vic. Manson, who has been interpreting the Hungarian promises of slicker soccer, is busy brushing off brick-bats.

They expected — and got — a grand slam rebound to their "We'll beat them all" boast. Nobody really thinks the Hungarians are that good. Except Vic.

But I hear they are buying him an adding machine to keep a check on their goal tally this season. So far it's 24 in two games!

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LIGHT-FITTINGS aren't safe out Sandringham way. In fact, nothing new stays up long. Seems things just disappear in the night. But that doesn't stop the club's floodlight training program. They line the goal area with a battery of eight cars, headlights full on. That's keenness.

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Much mourning among the Navy men for late skipper Les Banbury. He sails on the "Sydney" next week. But veteran Lofty Bradshaw's back and six of last seasons' players are available, including promising youngsters Wilson, Nash and Webber.

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Playing to Rule . . .

TTEAM that gets orders on what the score should be is St. Albans. They say they weren't scared last week because of Lions' 9-0 win over G.F.C. Instructions were: "Keep the goal clean and score once." They won 1-0.

Against C.F.C. to-day they'll be more ambitious. The orders: Win 2-0.

Reason: They aim to be the only side with no goals against them!

★ ★ ★
ONE-TIME Scottish Highland League player, Bathgate, who made a promising debut for Yallourn, has taken a job at Yallourn so he can train with the team. Another new-comer, Parnis — from Malta — is showing up well in the reserves.

★ ★ ★
THEY'RE saying that Hayduk goalkeeper, Morks, is in fine form these days. Could be because his fiancée is always on the touchline. Wedding bells soon?

★ ★ ★
ANYBODY want to brag about power-name patrons? Title at the top of Prahran's note paper: Rt. Hon. Robert Menzies, C.H., P.C., Q.C., M.H.R. He's Prime Minister, and, keep it quiet, a Rules fan!

★ ★ ★
WANTED: Saturday fixtures for F.N.D. Reserves who couldn't get a League admission ticket. Others in the same boat would find good opposition and excellent facilities.

J.U.S.T. Star Cubero Won't Mind Missing This Match

J.U.S.T. star forward Jose Cubero is getting married next Saturday. All the team and committee will be round to celebrate after the game.

The bride, like Jose, comes from Spain — she arrived only a fortnight ago. "And she's beautiful," says publicity officer Z. Nikolic.

Committeeman Ivan Ursic will be best man.

It will be the first game Jose has missed for a year.

More wedding news: Dutch-born St. Albans right-half Ron Stolk gets married on Thursday, and German right-back Eventer Schelde celebrates his engagement next Saturday. Both players will give parties for their team-mates.

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Saturday brought Frankston and Maccabi together for the eleventh time, and Frankston have yet to take the points! Two Frankston seniors were involved in a car accident recently, and will be out for some time. On the "unavailable" list they join two other seniors who suffered severe ankle injuries in pre-season practice.

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Tom Walker, Coburg United's secretary for the past three years, has given up the desk and taken over reserve team management. New secretary is A. S. Dunlop.

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BRIEFLY . . .

● **BOTTARI**, Juventus right-winger, is back in Melbourne after two years. Played his first game last Sunday. Been cane-cutting in Queensland.

● **ANY** managers doing nothing this season? Brighton are looking everywhere for them. They want managers and coaches for their junior teams.

● **DANCE** date — with Coburg United on April 27 in the Albion Hall, Lygon St., East Brunswick.

● **BRIGHTON'S** social will be at Elsternwick Park Pavilion next Saturday at 8 p.m. Everybody's invited.

● **SANDRINGHAM'S** theatre night — to the Pajama Game on April 30. Bookings close this week-end at XU 4307.

● **BACK** in Lions' line-up is M. Baranowsky. Training again this week after appendix operation.

● **"STILL** suffering, but keeping our tails up," say Frankston. Several of their senior players were injured before the season started.

Got Something to Say . . . ?

JUST reach for that pen

If you've got a groan or a word of praise for anything or anybody — tell me all about it. The address: 80 Kooyong Rd., Caulfield. The telephone number: UY 4513. The name's at the top of the column. Whatever you say, I'm interested. That's my business.

PROMOTION pushing Williams-town have a new ground at Gray Reserve, Kororoit Creek Road, North Williamstown — half a mile from the railway station. Their old ground has been taken over by Australian Rules. But Williams-town have the last laugh. They say the new pitch is better. It's springy turfed, and around 20 of the club's players work on it each Sunday.

HAKOAH'S LATEST

Man Hakoah's hopes are pinned on its new arrival Johann Neuhold. He walked down the gang-plank of the s.s. Australia from Austria on Thursday, and should be in the Hakoah team against Geelong this Sunday. Twenty-three years old and a former Vienna Rapid inside-forward or wing-half, Neuhold had plenty of Division 1 experience back home, and has been on many of Rapid's overseas tours. Came with them a couple of seasons ago to Australia.



Division 1 review by Morrie Buckner

J.U.S.T. HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR — YET!

J.U.S.T. took over the leadership of the First Division last Saturday when they defeated Moreland by 3-1 in a game that produced the best football of the week-end matches.

Not only are J.U.S.T. the only club to win both opening games, but they have done so in convincing style, and are seemingly the only settled team at this stage.

And it cannot be said that their opponents suffered for early-season jitters — both Hakoah and Moreland played themselves into a reasonable state of fitness during the night soccer.

Yet J.U.S.T.'s clever attack were two goals better than either of them, and, taking a line from these two performances, it can be said that J.U.S.T. have nothing to fear from any team in the senior division — at least not yet.

MIXED BAG.

The Hakoah-Wilhelmina game at Middle Park was a mixed blend of good soccer — with more than a dash of Rugby! Players paid far too much attention to the man than to the ball, with the inevitable result that, although spectators goth their money's worth, the class of the play deteriorated.

It was not until referee Woodcock took a firm stand and

banished Bill Blackley (Hakoah) and Sjel de Bruyckere (Wilhelmina) to the showers that the remaining players decided to play it "straight."

Features of the match were Harry Sutherland's beautifully judged wind-assisted goal from a corner-kick, and Wilhelmina's all-out, never-say-die attack during the last 15 minutes in a desperate attempt to make up the two-goal leeway.

DISAPPOINTING.

"Match-of-the-week," Juventus v. Polonia, at Olympic Park last Sunday, was disappointing for the large crowd that had expected to see high-class football.

Both sides fielded new players who have not yet achieved understanding and combination with their team-mates. Naturally, the game was somewhat ragged, and a procession of missed opportunities.

These two teams have played three scoreless draws and two 1-1 draws in the last three seasons out of their six matches. Last Sunday's game almost produced the fourth scoreless tie, but with two minutes to go, Plateo broke through to give Juventus a 1-0 victory.

Polonia were close to the mark

on several occasions, and three of their shots hit uprights.

This match marked the return to Juventus of pivot Max Vivoli and right-winger Bottari. It also introduced to local soccer another Chris Pangrazio, cousin of the Pangrazio now with Geelong.

Although an Italian boy, Chris came here a few weeks ago after

Short Story . . .

TEN minutes before the end of the Hakoah-Wilhelmina fracas at Middle Park last Saturday, Aldo Vitti sat in the middle of his goalmouth and refused to rise.

A moment before, he had dived on the ball, an opponent had tripped over him, and a hush came over the crowd when it was thought he may have been injured.

The only trouble was — Aldo had lost his shorts in the scrimmage!

Players formed a screen as emergency shorts were obtained and donned.

What is known as a brief(s) interlude?

a lengthy residence in Hungary, and was tried last week at centre-forward. Because of the lack of constructive support he received on the day, it is too early to judge whether he will earn a permanent berth with Juventus as leader.

Helped by a steady wind, Brighton out-bustled Slavia in the first half of their game last Saturday, and led by 2-1 at the interval, but Slavia found the wind at their backs much more to their liking in the second half and recovered to win 4-2.

New-comer Geelong remained close up to the leaders with a convincing 2-0 win over Box Hill.

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DIVISION 2 — By DES HAMILTON.

SOUTH MELBOURNE SURE TEST FOR HELLENIC

SATURDAY'S games shuffled out Yallourn and Hellenic as teams to watch in the Second Division.

Yallourn accounted for Sunshine City, and should go on leading the way by defeating Prahran to-day.

Hellenic's victory over Richmond makes them the danger team, and whether South Melbourne can topple them to-day is The Big Question. Their two wins to date have not been impressive.

A STRUGGLE.

Two other interesting games this week will be Sunshine City v. George Cross and Preston v. Richmond. The loser of the first of these will be two games down out of three played, and will really have a struggle to recover.

In the Preston-Richmond game,

Richmond must win to recover prestige. But three of the top-of-the-ladder games could go either way, and the South Yarra and Footscray game should be a grim struggle at the bottom. Only sure winner: Yallourn.

STODDART BACK.

Veteran Pat ("The Von") Sturgeon is coach and captain of Prahran this season. New secretary is Mr. Doug. Flett and committee newcomers include Dave Stoddart, former Prahran, Brighton and South Yarra centre-forward, who retired from playing soccer 18 months ago.

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Junior Notes

LOW scores were the rule last Saturday when junior soccer got under way. But an exception was Sunshine City's Under 20's, who defeated Wilhelmina by 6-0 (writes Barrie Matthews).

Sunshine have carried on where they left off last season when they won both the League Premiership and the Miller Cup.

New-comers to the Under 20's, Polonia and Maccabi, met, with victory going to Polonia by the only goal of the match. Bad luck, Maccabi! Now the ice has been broken, these sides should be a force in this division.

WALK-OVER.

Another new side, Broadmeadows, have to wait until this week to show their style — they received a walk-over from Footscray.

Pascoe Vale and Brighton are a long way apart geographically, but in soccer terms they are mighty close together. In the Under 17's they played a 1-1 draw.

Saints bowed to Lions with due reverence when the Lions defeated St. Kilda by 3-0, though St. Kilda's second string were in winning vein against Broadmeadows — they won by 10-0.

Sunshine City's Under 13's "A" team defeated Box Hill by 6-0, but their "B" team lost to South Yarra by 7-0.

A Hungarian side are to tour Victoria this season. I wonder if it would be possible for a squad of Victoria's best juniors to enjoy the benefits of training with the crack Continental eleven? Perhaps even play against them in training, or with them in specially staged matches. Maybe this is ambitious, but it would do a measure of good to our youngsters. Officialdom should consider its possibilities.

GULLY GET CRACKING!

THE second week's games saw Melbourne, Rosebud and Victoria Police record easy wins in Metropolitan South, while newcomers Ferntree Gully showed vastly improved form against Port Melbourne. The final game was a 90-minute thriller between Croatia and Sandringham, both playing their first games, at Hampton.

Best match outside Division I may be seen at the Middle Park Chalet this week, when the crack Melbourne team meet their toughest opponents yet, in Rosebud, who narrowly missed promotion in 1956.

These sides scored a total of 20 goals to nil in their games last week — but their true calibre will be known about 4.25 this Saturday!

Vic. Police may be too pacy and systematic for G.M.H., who should benefit from their Hungarian lesson.

FORM SAYS...

Two Continental clubs clash at Burnley, where the enthusiastic Ferntree Gully should account for a disappointing Wilhelmina.

Sandringham's sharper forwards and more experienced defence should account for the younger Blueshirts at Pascoe Vale, and in the final match, Port Melbourne face Croatia, who have the talent to win well on current form.

Going ahead with ground improvements are Ferntree Gully. Their ground is already enclosed, and showers will be available in a couple of weeks.

—GEOFF DOBB.

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TEAMS FOR THIS WEEK-END

AT Press time, clubs had short-listed the following players in their line-ups for the matches this week-end:—

DIVISION 1.

POLONIA v. Brighton, at Maribyrnong.

Jerlikovski; Lattocki, Yakuboiski; Lawrie, Pedzimaz, Wemyss; Swoboda, Strachan, Von Nagy, Aekan, Zgalin; reserve, Czerlaski.

BRIGHTON v. Polonia.

Scott; Finlay, Cullen, Sirach; McCartney, Waitzer, Kotatko, Engelbogen; F. Sirach, Garrett, Buissink, Peterson, Lachmann, MacKenzie.

MORELAND v. Wilhelmina, at Moreland.

Hobson; Innard, De Banardi; Stott, McGee, Goodman, Eastaway; Smith, Loughran, Wilson, Hodgson, Oxtan; reserve, Kyle.

WILHELMINA v. Moreland.

Ruyters; Mathysen, Stoeveleen, Sloothaak; Remmers, Waldeck, Westerveld, Olifiers; Luyten, Huggen, Schipperheyn, de Bruyckere, Yntema, Hungen, van Dinther.

J.U.S.T. v. Juventus, at Olympic Park.

Messese, Lucian, Vidovic, Apolonio, Brenner, Rakic, Jakus, T. Vella, Teubin, Cubero, E. Vella, Ardner, Lunaro, Gungl.

BOX HILL v. Slavia, at Surrey Park.

Stow; Van Der Piet, Vandenberg, Patterson; Morrow, Bakens, Nelson; Stagg, Hejigan, Tester, McLeod, Paton; reserves, McClelland, Slaats.

SLAVIA v. Box Hill.

Barotajs; Terek, Copeland; Vacirca, Petherick, Reinbold; Gotesman, Gotschlich, Cook, McFadyen, Dickson, Hyndman, W. Copeland.

DIVISION 2.

FOOTSCRAY CITY v. South Yarra, at South Yarra.

Pissani; Baker, Middlemass, Hamilton; McIntosh, McFadden, Randall; Weston, Whitehouse, McBride, Reilly, Connolly.

SOUTH YARRA v. Footscray City.
Campbell; Gibbons, Saplonia; McCall, Bolton, Bain; Grant, Curran, McNeill, Anastasios, Gelsimino; reserve, McKenzie.

PRAHRAN v. Yallourn, at Como Park.
Dobrilovic; Hoolohan, Blewitt; Davidson, Morgan, Sturgeon; Carter, Zugmeister, Bould, Yates, Fair; reserves, Mitchell, Flett.

Blunt; J. Saxelby, Licknecker; Weir, Roberts, Neunaling; Mackey, Bathgate, H. Saxelby, McLean, Campbell.

GEORGE CROSS v. Sunshine City, at Anderson Road, Sunshine.
Mannering; Muscat, Gruppetta; D'Amato, Farrugia, Hathaway; Zammitt, Jayes, E. Zammitt, Debono, Cachia; reserves, Catania, J. Debono.

STH. MELBOURNE UTD. v. Hellenic, at Royal Park.
Camilleri; Forsyth, Eagleton, Neill; Annersley, Thompson, Guy; Jordan, Budgen, Elder, Denny, Macleod, James.

PRESTON v. Richmond, at St. Georges Road.

Bujega; Schranz, Herrin; Brim, Frost, Mann; Black, Noy, Cunningham, Vesnaver, Berner.

RICHMOND v. Preston.

Kuehne; Bieg, Stramm; Duerbroeck, Engler, Meyer; Ulmer, Stechner, Brunnbauer, Folk, Wittlinger; reserves, Aldeschulte, Spieth.

DIVISION 3.

DANDENONG ROVERS v. F.N.D., at Flinders.

Keirzer; Kaye, Steunenberg; West, Gebuys, Polman; Kendt, Moores, Rado, Galea, Romer; reserve, Leushuis.

FRANKSTON v. Coburg, at Coburg.
Albers; Zelst, Pastischny; Wilkes, Bierman, Piggott; Heath, Richardson, Wren, Herdman, Betts; reserves, Vogelesang, Bouwmeester.

SUNSHINE UNITED v. Vic. Colts, at Sunshine Park.

S. Hitchings; Clayton, McBean; Grech, K. Hitchings, Nethsdale; Sharp, Testa, R. Hitchings, Pollock; D. Hitchings; reserves, Hayden, McColl.

MACCABI v. Brunswick, at Royal Park No. 1.

Dyskin; Peters, Hirsch; Horowitz, Leibnick, Breitberg; Roessler, Marks, Forgasc, Foldy, Willheim; reserves, Finkelstein, Guss.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

MELBOURNE v. Rosebud, at Rose-Petyanszay; Szathmary, Bukkos, Dokogi; Holl, Szalai; Szilfka, Tonok, Urban, Voros, Zolwai, Vathy.

SANDRINGHAM v. Pascoe Vale, at Pascoe Vale.

Haycroft; Sutherland, Van Rooy, Cantwell; Hyndman, McQuaigue, Liston; Gardiner, Saunders, Jordan, Dawson, Daw; reserves, Barrett, Fletcher, Young.

FERNTREE GULLY v. Wilhelmina, at Wilhelmina.

Racunes; Saes, Hopstee; de Kort, Gebbing, Rykelyhuisen; Steginga, Peeters, Kortem, de Rooy; reserves, Tetering, Douwma, Holtrop.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

BAYSWATER v. Heidelberg, at Heidelberg.

Kayser; Seegets, Kayser; Stetter, E. Fuchs, A. Fuchs; Wied, Klaus, Imberger, Weller, Steller; reserve Gunther.

ST. ALBANS v. C.F.C., at St. Albans.
Miler; Winkler, Schiede, Suttman; Torer, Stolk, Simonis, Geisenkersting; Feist, Beller, Kolaritsch, Landherr, Berger.

LIONS v. C.S.R., at Yarra Park.
Walter; Deifel, Dobrowolski; Werner, Cocha, Sitko; Wirt, Clemente, Balassone, Schrbay, Ellams.

NOW transferred from Wilhelmina to Box Hill is full-back van der Piet. Back with Box Hill is Morrow — after a fortnight's service training — and Bakens was hoping to "pass the doctor" in time for Saturday's game. Club president Mr. "Bill" Barnett is taking up some of his work again following a heart attack.

Ex-Wilhelmina players likely to make Brighton's senior team are centre-forward J. Peterson and defender J. Sirach.

AGAINST THE RULES!

A SCOTSMAN, known only to the man who took him along as a guest, mingled with the crowd of Australian Rules footballers, who, with their families, thronged their Annual Bellarine Picnic last week.

Came the event of the day, the Bellarine Place Kick Championship, a distance competition with an egg-shaped football.

"Come on, let's enter for

this," said the Scotsman's friend. But the Scot demurred for two reasons. Firstly, he had never kicked an egg-shaped football. His second reason was overcome when his friend offered to pay the entry fee. . .!

Denouement? The Scot won the championship from 34 competitors with a 67-yard kick.

Name: David McIntosh, Hakoah's left full-back.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

This Week's Games

DIVISION 1.

Box Hill v. Slavia.
Polonia v. Brighton.
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.
Wilhelmina v. Moreland.
Hakoah v. Geelong.

DIVISION 2.

Hellenic v. South Melbourne.
South Yarra v. Footscray City.
Sunshine City v. George Cross.
Pahran v. Yallourn.
Preston v. Richmond.

DIVISION 3.

Moorabbin City v. Hayduk.
Dandenong Rovers v. Yarra Park.
Brunswick v. Maccabi.
Park Rangers v. F.N.D.
Coburg v. Frankston.
Sunshine United v. Vic. Colts.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Fairfield v. University.
I.C.I. v. Williamstown.
Heidelberg v. Bayswater.
Lions v. C.S.R.
St. Albans v. C. Fert.

Next Week's Games

DIVISION 1.

Juventus v. Wilhelmina.
Brighton v. J.U.S.T.
Box Hill v. Polonia.
Moreland v. Hakoah.
Slavia v. Geelong.

EASTER MONDAY.

J.U.S.T. v. Box Hill.
Wilhelmina v. Brighton.

DIVISION 2.

George Cross v. Prahran.
Footscray City v. Sunshine City.
Hellenic v. South Yarra.
Yallourn v. Preston.
South Melbourne v. Richmond.

EASTER MONDAY.

South Yarra v. South Melbourne.
Sunshine City v. Hellenic.
Prahran v. Footscray City.
Preston v. George Cross.
Richmond v. Yallourn.

DIVISION 3.

F.N.D. v. Moorabbin City.
Yarra Park v. Sunshine United.
Park Rangers v. Brunswick.
Hayduk v. Coburg.
Vic. Colts v. Frankston.
Maccabi v. Dandenong Rovers.

EASTER MONDAY.

Moorabbin City v. Park Rangers.
Vic. Colts v. Yarra Park.
Brunswick v. Dandenong Rovers.
Hayduk v. F.N.D.
Coburg v. Maccabi.
Frankston v. Sunshine United.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Wilhelmina v. Juventus.
J.U.S.T. v. Brighton.
Polonia v. Box Hill.
Hakoah v. Moreland.
Geelong v. Slavia.

EASTER MONDAY.

Box Hill v. J.U.S.T.
Brighton v. Wilhelmina.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Prahran v. George Cross.
Sunshine City v. Footscray City.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Port Melbourne v. Croatia.
Pascoe Vale v. Sandringham City.
Melbourne v. Rosebud.
Vic. Police v. G.M. Motors.
Wilhelmina v. Ferntree Gully.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Slavia v. Box Hill.
Brighton v. Polonia.
Juventus v. J.U.S.T.
Moreland v. Wilhelmina.
Geelong v. Hakoah.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

South Melbourne v. Hellenic.
Footscray City v. South Yarra.
George Cross v. Sunshine City.
Yallourn v. Prahran.
Richmond v. Preston.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Sandringham City v. Maccabi.
Sunshine United v. Moorabbin City.
Heidelberg v. University.
Lions v. Brunswick.
I.C.I. v. Park Rangers.
Dandenong v. Coburg.

South Yarra v. Hellenic.

Preston v. Yallourn.

Richmond v. South Melbourne.

EASTER MONDAY.

South Melbourne v. South Yarra.
Hellenic v. Sunshine City.
Footscray City v. Prahran.
George Cross v. Preston.
Yallourn v. Richmond.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Brunswick v. Sandringham City.
Moorabbin City v. Dandenong.
Lions v. Heidelberg.
Maccabi v. I.C.I.
Coburg v. Park Rangers.
University v. Sunshine United.

EASTER MONDAY.

Sandringham City v. Lions.
Coburg v. Moorabbin City.
Heidelberg v. Sunshine United.
Maccabi v. Brunswick.
I.C.I. v. University.
Park Rangers v. Dandenong.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Bayswater v. Lions.
Williamstown v. Heidelberg.
Fairfield v. I.C.I.
C.S.R. v. St. Albans.
University v. C. Fert.

EASTER MONDAY.

I.C.I. v. University.
Heidelberg v. Fairfield.
Lions v. Williamstown.
St. Albans v. Bayswater.
C. Fert. v. C.S.R.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Rosebud v. Vic. Police.
Sandringham City v. Melbourne.
Port Melbourne v. Pascoe Vale.
G.M.H. v. Wilhelmina.
Croatia v. Ferntree Gully.

EASTER MONDAY.

Pascoe Vale v. Croatia.
Melbourne v. Port Melbourne.
Vic. Police v. Sandringham City.
Wilhelmina v. Rosebud.
Ferntree Gully v. G.M.H.

Last Week's Results

DIVISION 1.

Hakoah 2, Wilhelmina 0.
Moreland 1, J.U.S.T. 3.
Juventus 1, Polonia 0.
Brighton 2, Slavia 4.
Geelong 2, Box Hill 0.

DIVISION 2.

Preston 3, Prahran 1.
Yallourn 3, Sunshine City 1.
George Cross 4, South Yarra 0.
Footscray City 0, Sth. Melb. 1.
Richmond 0, Hellenic 1.

DIVISION 3.

Vic. Colts 5, Moorabbin City 1.
Yarra Park 1, Brunswick 0.
F.N.D. 1, Dandenong Rovers 4.
Sunshine United 2, Coburg 1.
Frankston 1, Maccabi 2.
Hayduk 3, Park Rangers 0.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Wilhelmina 4, Hakoah 1.
J.U.S.T. 2, Moreland 0.
Polonia v. Juventus.
Slavia 0, Brighton 1.
Box Hill 0, Geelong 4.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Prahran 1, Preston 3.
Sunshine City 1, Yallourn 1.
South Yarra 1, George Cross 4.
South Melb. 7, Footscray C. 0.
Hellenic 2, Richmond 2.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Coburg 0, Sandringham City 0.
Moorabbin City 8, Heidelberg 4.
Brunswick lost to Sunshine U., W.O.
Dandenong 5, I.C.I. 1.
Park Rangers 5, University 1.
Maccabi 2, Lions 3.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

St. Albans 1, Lions 0.
C.S.R. 1, Heidelberg 2.
Bayswater 3, I.C.I. 1.
Williamstown 4, University 1.
C. Fert. 1, Fairfield 1.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Wilhelmina 3, Vic. Police 6.
G.M.H. 0, Melbourne 12.
Rosebud 8, Pascoe Vale 0.
Sandringham City 0, Croatia 1.
Ferntree Gully 3, Port Melb. 1.

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HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION 1.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Geelong	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Juventus	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Slavia	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
Hakoah	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Polonia	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Brighton	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Wilhelmina	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Moreland	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Box Hill	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

DIVISION 2.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yallourn	2	2	0	0	12	3	4
S. Melb.	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Preston	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Geo. Cross	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Hellenic	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Richmond	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Sunshine C.	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
F'scray C.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Prahran	2	0	0	2	3	8	0
S. Yarra	2	0	0	2	2	13	0

DIVISION 3.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hayduk	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Dandenong	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Yarra Park	2	2	0	0	8	4	4
Brunswick	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Vic. Colts	2	1	0	1	6	4	2
Coburg	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Maccabi	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Sunshine U.	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Frankston	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Park R.	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Moorabbin	2	0	0	2	5	12	0
F.N.D.	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'town	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
St. Albans	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
Lions	2	1	0	1	9	1	2
Bayswater	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
I.C.I.	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Heidelberg	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
University	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Fairfield	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
C.S.R.	2	0	1	1	1	10	1
C.F.C.	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	2	2	0	0	26	2	4
Vic. Police	2	1	1	0	8	5	3
Ferntree G.	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
Rosebud	1	1	0	0	8	0	2
Croatia	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Pascoe Vale	2	1	0	1	2	9	2
S'h'am C.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
P. Melb.	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
G.M.H.	2	0	0	2	5	20	0
Wilhelmina	2	0	0	2	1	14	0

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geelong	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
J.U.S.T.	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
Juventus	2	2	0	0	12	3	4
Box Hill	2	1	0	1	8	7	2
Wilhelmina	2	1	0	1	5	6	2
Polonia	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
Brighton	2	1	0	1	4	8	2
Moreland	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Hakoah	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Slavia	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
Preston	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Yallourn	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
S. Melb.	2	1	0	1	9	4	2
Prahran	2	1	0	1	6	4	2
F'scray C.	2	1	0	1	0	2	2
Hellenic	2	0	1	1	2	2	1
Sunshine C.	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Richmond	2	0	1	1	3	7	1
S. Yarra	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Lions	2	2	0	0	8	4	4
Coburg	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
S'h'am City	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Maccabi	2	1	0	1	8	3	2
M'abbin C.	2	1	0	1	8	5	2
Park R.	2	1	0	1	7	6	2
Heidelberg	2	1	0	1	4	8	2
Sunshine U.	2	1	0	1	0	3	2
I.C.I.	2	0	0	2	1	8	0
University	2	0	0	2	1	11	0
Brunswick	2	0	0	2	0	0	0

Olympic Park Programme

HERE are the matches which will be played at Olympic Park during the first half of the season. The rest of the games will be published in "Soccer News" later this season.

APRIL.

- 13—J.U.S.T. v. Juventus
- 14—Hakoah v. Geelong
- 20—Moreland v. Hakoah
- 21—No Matches
- 22—Wilhelmina v. Brighton
- 27—Box Hill v. Wilhelmina
- 28—World Cup

MAY.

- 4—Wilhelmina v. Slavia
- 5—World Cup
- 11—Polonia v. Wilhelmina
- 12—World Cup
- 18—Wilhelmina v. J.U.S.T.
- 25—Hakoah v. Juventus

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Geelong A.G.M.

Following members were elected at Geelong's annual general meeting: president, V. Mortelliti; vice-president, G. Sitar; secretary, G. Sitar; assistant secretary, T. Martinez; treasurer, F. Guberti; committee—V. Vallesi, V. Bonisoli, A. Hoff, V. Budday, V. Campanile, G. Giovanni; coach, S. Bassi.

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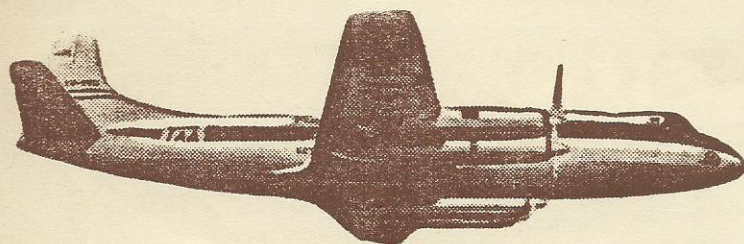
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